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LOIS LANE
APR.
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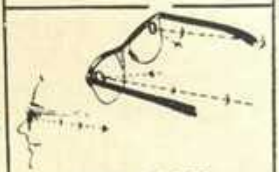

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"The LAWLESS LOIS LANE!"

PART I

Knaffenberger
S.S.P
THERE GOES THAT IDIOT, SUPERMAN, LOOKING FOR THE MASTER CRIMINAL, LEXO! WELL... AS SOON AS I PUT ON THE MASK OF MY LEXO DISGUISE, I'LL LEAD SUPERMAN ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE THAT WILL ALLOW THE REAL LEXO TO PULL OFF THE GREATEST ROBBERY OF HIS CAREER!

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ONE AFTERNOON, YEARS AGO, IN THE PLANET NEWSROOM, ON A DAY THAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, BUT DIDN'T...
DROP EVERYTHING, LOIS... WRITE UP THIS TERRIFIC SCOOP ONE OF OUR REPORTERS IS PHONING IN FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRIME! WE'LL PUT OUT AN EXTRA! THAT AMAZING CROOK, LEXO, HAS STRUCK AGAIN...!
CHECK, PERRY!
MINUTES LATER...
HEY! WHAT'S THIS?? "ONCE MORE, LEXO HAS DARINGLY PULLED A CRIME RIGHT UNDER THE NOSE OF SUPERMAN!.."
"...WHILE THE MAN OF STEEL, WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN GUARDING A MONEY SHIPMENT, WAS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS, LEXO SNATCHED $100,000 OUT OF THE ARMORED TRUCK WITH AN ATTRACTION BEAM!"
... WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE... LEXO'S PUBLICITY AGENT?!
"...AND IN THE MELÉE, THE COLORFUL BANDIT, INVENTOR OF MANY STARTLING SCIENTIFIC DEVICES TO FURTHER HIS CRIME CAREER, ESCAPED... THUS FOILING SUPERMAN!" HOW CAN YOU WRITE THAT WAY ABOUT OUR FRIEND, SUPERMAN, LOIS?
I CALL 'EM THE WAY I SEE 'EM, BOSS.
AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, GET YOURSELF ANOTHER NEWSGAL! MEANWHILE, I'M GOING TO DIG UP ADDITIONAL DETAILS!
WHAT A TEMPER! BUT SHE'S A GREAT REPORTER!
SOON...
ALL UNITS KEEP ALERT! EVERY STREET IN THE AREA IS BLOCKED OFF! LEXO MUSTN'T ESCAPE!
STRANGELY... I HOPE HE DOES! I CAN'T HELP ROOTING FOR THAT SPUNKY OUTLAW! ANY CRIMINAL WHO WILL TAKE ON SUPERMAN HAS PLENTY OF NERVE!
POLICE
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SUDDENLY...
IT'S... LEXO! HE DARTED OUT OF THAT ALLEY. POLICE CARS ARE CLOSING IN ON HIM... BUT HE LOOKS AS SMUG AS A CAT IN A CREAMERY!
POLICE
U.S. MAIL
THIS HANDY-DANDY GIZMO OF MINE WILL SHAKE THOSE PESKY COPS OFF MY BACK, WHILE I ATTEND TO SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
C-CAN'T SEE A BLAMED THING! THAT ROD OF HIS IS DAZZLING!
IT'LL BLIND THEM FOR FIVE MINUTES...
QUICK! PUT ON THE BRAKES BEFORE WE CRACK UP!
THEN LOIS OBSERVES...
HE TOOK A COLLAPSIBLE BOX OUT OF HIS POCKET! HE'S PLACING THE MONEY IN IT...
U.S. MAIL
...AND IT'S ADDRESSED TO-- METROPOLIS ORPHANAGE! LEXO IS A MODERN ROBIN HOOD WHO TURNS HIS BOOTY OVER, ANONYMOUSLY, TO WORTHY CAUSES!
SUPERINTENDENT, METROPOLIS ORPHANAGE, POLIS, U.S.A.
AND AFTER LEXO DROPS THE PACKAGE IN THE MAIL-BOX...
NOW HE'S SHINING ANOTHER SMALL ROD... IT'S ACTIVATING AN ELECTRIC EYE WHICH OPENS A CONCEALED LID IN THE PAVEMENT!
AS HE DIVES INTO THE UNDERGROUND SEWAGE TUNNELS, THE LID CLOSES AUTOMATICALLY! WHEN THE POLICEMEN'S VISION RETURNS, SHORTLY, HE'LL HAVE APPARENTLY VANISHED! WITH THOSE STRATEGICALLY-PLACED HIDDEN LIDS, NO WONDER HE SEEMS AS SLIPPERY AS A GREASED EEL!

THROUGH THE TORTUOUSLY TWISTING SEWAGE TUNNELS BENEATH THE CITY'S STREETS RACES THE BIZARRE ROGUE...

HA, HA! ANOTHER DAZZLING COUP... BRILLIANTLY PERFORMED WITH MY INIMITABLE DASH AND GUSTO!

SHORTLY, IN HIS MACABRE GROTTO-LAIR, LEXO GREETS THREE EAGERLY WAITING HENCHMEN...

WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR LATEST JOB! CONGRATULATIONS, BOSS! YOU SURE MADE A MONKEY OUTA SUPERMAN! HA, HA!

MERKO... RANDOZZI... KLAVAN--HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU ALWAYS TO WEAR YOUR GLOVES IN MY PRESENCE? PUT THEM ON... NOW!

SORRY! WE FORGOT HOW SENSITIVE YOU ARE ABOUT OUR GREEN HANDS! YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THEM... AND ABOUT THAT RAT, SUPERMAN!

WE WOULDN'T BE DOOMED IF NOT FOR HIM...!

"WHEN WE THREE WERE LOOTING A NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTATION LAB, WE'D INTENDED TAKING PRECAUTIONS, BUT AFTER SUPERMAN SUDDENLY BURST IN, WE PANICKED, AND..."

I WARN YOU. DON'T TOUCH THAT!

NUTS TO YOU, SUPERMAN! ONE MOVE TOWARD US, AND WE'LL SMASH IT... RUINING MONTHS OF SCIENTIFIC WORK...

SUPERMAN SNATCHED THE GLOBE FROM US! AFTER WE WERE JAILED, WE LEARNED THE WORST!

WE'D BEEN EXPOSED TO A VIRULENT NEW TYPE OF RADIATION THAT TURNED OUR HANDS GREEN! THE INFECTION IS SPREADING!

SOME DAY SOON, OUR ENTIRE BODIES WILL BE GREEN. THEN WE'LL DIE...!

ENOUGH! YOU KNOW HOW DEEPLY YOUR TRAGEDY TOUCHES ME! HERE... I'LL DIVIDE THE BALANCE OF TODAY'S LOOT AMONG THE THREE OF YOU! AS USUAL, TURN IT OVER TO CHARITIES, ANONYMOUSLY! AND NOW, LET'S GO TO THE THEATER! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SWITCH TO MY SECRET IDENTITY...!

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GRANDPA MUNSTER "DIGS" THE DRAG-U-LA!

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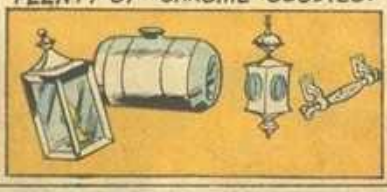

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WHO REIGNED DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF COMICS

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF WHEN YOU READ THIS SPECIAL SUPER-SPEED ISSUE

ON SALE FEB. 10th

MOMENTS LATER...
BEHOLD... THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR, WORLD FAMOUS PIANIST! WHO WOULD SUSPECT I AM LEXO, WITH A MILLION-DOLLAR REWARD ON HIS HEAD?
A MILLION BUCKS! HA,HA! I COULD SURE LATCH ONTO A LOTTA LOVELY LETTUCE BY TURNING YOU IN TO THE COPPERS!

ROARING LAUGHTER CRASHES AND REBOUNDS OFF THE GROTTO WALLS, AS THE CRIMINALS ENJOY THEIR JESTING...
WITH ALL THAT MOOLA, I COULD BUY ME A ROCKET SHIP AND FLY TO A WORLD OF GREEN MEN, WHERE THE CHICKS WOULD FLIP OVER MY GRASS-GREEN PINKIES!
I'D BUY SCOTLAND YARD AND GIVE IT TO FU MANCHU, WITH MY COMPLIMENTS!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA

BUT AS THE RE-ECHOING LAUGHTER DWINDLES AND IS GONE...
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ON THAT SCORE, BOSS! WHAT'S MONEY TO MEN WHO ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TO LIVE? WHAT WE WANT IS REVENGE AGAINST SUPER-MAN!
AND I SHALL HELP YOU GET IT! WHEN HE WAS SUPERBOY, HE CAUSED ME TO LOSE MY HAIR!

LIKE YOU, I SCORN WEALTH! IT IS MY GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES THAT PLEASE ME MOST! I CARESS THE PIANO KEYS AS A COVER-UP FOR LEXO, WHO STEALS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS FROM HUMAN JACKALS...

..FOR THE SOUL-REWARDING JOY OF DISTRIBUTING THE SWAG TO THE UNFORTUNATE, THE CAPER I ENJOYED THE MOST WAS LOOTING THE PRIVATE VAULT OF MAGDAR, THE WAR PROFITEER WHO SOLD ATOMIC WEAPONS TO POWERFUL ENEMIES OF THIS NATION!

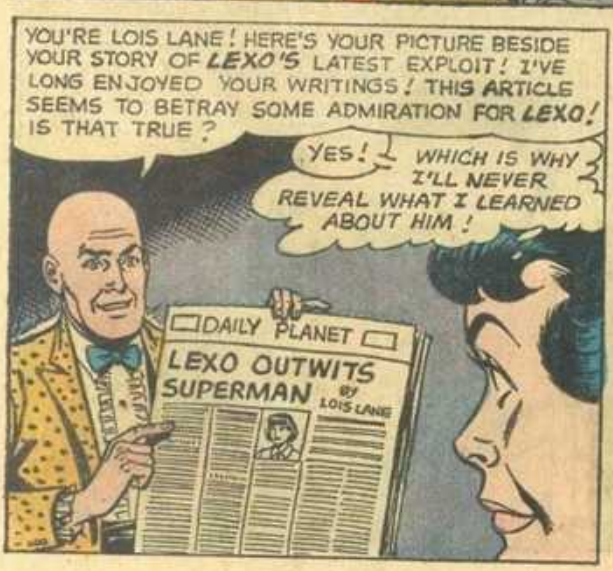
STRANGE, ISN'T IT? MERKO, KLAVAN, AND I HELP YOU STEAL FOR WORTHY CAUSES BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE UP FOR THE ROTTEN WAY WE'VE LIVED! TAKE ME...
SORRY... I HAVEN'T TIME FOR A GROUP-ANALYSIS! I MUST PRACTICE FOR MY CONCERT TONIGHT!

THAT EVENING, IN HARMONIE HALL, AN AUDIENCE OF SOME OF METROPOLIS' MOST OUTSTANDING CITIZENS LISTENS IN AWE TO THE AMAZING VIRTUOSITY OF LUTHOR... AND COVERING THE CONCERT FOR THE PLANET ARE LOIS AND PERRY...
HE PLAYS SO BEAUTIFULLY... I COULD CRY...
WHAT A GENIUS!

BUT AS THE GIFTED ONE SPEEDS HIS NIMBLE FINGERS ACROSS THE PIANO KEYS WITH HIS RIGHT HAND -- HIS LEFT HAND SNEAKS BENEATH THE KEYBOARD AND OPERATES SOME HIDDEN CONTROLS...
THOSE FOOLS DON'T SUSPECT THAT THERE ARE CAMERA LENSES CONCEALED IN THE ROTATING CANDELABRA! I'VE PICKED CERTAIN SPECTATORS TO AIM THEM AT!

A CRESCENDO OF INTOXICATINGLY SUPERB ARTISTRY, AND THEN...
I'VE GOT TO SPEAK TO THAT WONDERFUL MAN! I NEVER DREAMED ANY HUMAN COULD BE SO GIFTED!
AND HERE I THOUGHT SUPERMAN WAS HER DREAMBOAT...!
MAGNIFICENT!
BRAVO!
DIVINE!

AFTER LOIS FIGHTS HER WAY BACKSTAGE, THROUGH THE THRONGS OF THE PIANIST'S ADMIRERERS...
PLEASE AUTOGRAPH MY PROGRAM! NO WONDER YOU'RE CALLED THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR! YOU PLAY LIKE ONE INSPIRED!
GLAD TO OBLIGE, MY DEAR! WAIT! YOUR FACE...!


YOU'RE LOIS LANE! HERE'S YOUR PICTURE BESIDE YOUR STORY OF LEXO'S LATEST EXPLOIT! I'VE LONG ENJOYED YOUR WRITINGS! THIS ARTICLE SEEMS TO BETRAY SOME ADMIRATION FOR LEXO! IS THAT TRUE?
YES! WHICH IS WHY I'LL NEVER REVEAL WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT HIM!
DAILY PLANET
LEXO OUTWITS SUPERMAN
BY LOIS LANE

IMPULSIVELY, LUTHOR TEARS LOIS' PHOTOGRAPH OUT OF THE NEWSPAPER...
I'VE GIVEN YOU MY AUTOGRAPH! SINCE MY ADMIRATION FOR YOU AT LEAST EQUALS YOURS FOR ME... I INSIST YOU GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH IN EXCHANGE!
YOU'RE SWEET!
AND SO GOOD-LOOKING!
SHE'S LOVELY!

AFTER THE AUDIENCE HAS DEPARTED, LUTHOR IS JOINED BY HIS CRONIES...

NOTE THE GADGET IN THE PIANO!--THE CANDELABRA'S CONCEALED CAMERA-LENSES TOOK X-RAY PICTURES OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN THE AUDIENCE...

"...CONCENTRATING ON THE **KEYS** IN THEIR POSSESSION! INSTANTLY DEVELOPED PICTURES OF THE KEYS WERE THEN..."

"...ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED INTO A DEVICE WITHIN THE PIANO, WHERE MATRICES WERE ACTIVATED WHICH MOLDED KEYS THAT WERE THE **EXACT** DUPLICATES OF THE X-RAYED KEYS. MARVELOUS, EH?"

THESE KEYS, EXACT COPIES OF THOSE THAT WERE IN THE POCKETS AND PURSES, WILL ADMIT YOU TO A RARE-ART GALLERY OWNED BY PAUL TREVOR...THE MANSION OF MRS. VAN ARSDEN, WHOSE ANTIQUES ARE PRICELESS! NOW GO GET THE LOOT WHILE THEY'RE OUT NIGHT-CLUBBING!

I'LL KEEP **THIS** KEY! THE ORIGINAL WAS ON PERRY WHITE! I'LL USE IT TO OPEN THE **PLANET** SAFE... WHICH CONTAINS EVIDENCE THAT COULD LEAD TO MY ARREST...COLLECTED BY **SUPERMAN**. I'LL DESTROY IT SO IT'LL NEVER BE DELIVERED TO THE POLICE! HA, HA!

LATER, A STARTLING FIGURE BURSTS INTO THE **PLANET** NEWSROOM...

LEXO! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY FRIENDS?

THIS STUN-RAY WILL PARALYZE THEM BRIEFLY! BUT IN VIEW OF THE NICE THINGS YOU WROTE ABOUT ME, I'LL SPARE **YOU** THE ORDEAL, MISS LANE...IF YOU DON'T INTERFERE!

HE'S OPENING THE SAFE, TAKING OUT THE EVIDENCE...! SINCE I'M REALLY **SUPERMAN** AND INVULNERABLE, I'LL FAKE BEING PARALYZED, SO NO ONE WILL LEARN MY SECRET IDENTITY! I'LL STRIKE BACK AT HIM WHEN I GET THE CHANCE...!

AS LEXO IS ABOUT TO EXIT...
YOU'RE QUITE A GAL, MISS LANE! YOU DIDN'T SCREAM OR FAINT! I ADMIRE PLUCK! IN FACT, I ADMIRE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU...
H-HE'S KISSING ME!!
I TRIED TO ACTIVATE HIS ROD-WEAPONS WITH MY HEAT VISION, BUT HE TURNED SUDDENLY AND I ONLY SUCCEEDED IN DAMAGING HIS COSTUME SLIGHTLY AS HE DARTED OUT! I CAN'T FOLLOW HIM YET... BECAUSE I'M PLAYING POSSUM...
A SCRAP OF PAPER IS FALLING... I'LL STEP ON IT, SO IT WON'T BE SEEN BY ANYONE ELSE!
THEN, AS PERRY REGAINS HIS MOBILITY AND CLARK PRETENDS TO DO LIKEWISE...
I'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE!
AND I'LL HAVE TO LIE DOWN! YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW UPSETTING A THING LIKE THIS CAN BE TO MY DELICATE NERVES!
BUT ONCE CLARK IS ALONE, HE SWITCHES TO HIS COLORFUL ALTER-EGO AND FLASHES IN PURSUIT OF THE DARING ROGUE...
I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE! IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THE EARTH HAD SWALLOWED HIM UP!
SUPERMAN DOESN'T REALIZE HE'S RIGHT... FOR HIS QUARRY HAS USED ONE OF THE CONCEALED ENTRANCE-WAYS IN THE PAVEMENT TO ESCAPE THROUGH THE SEWAGE TUNNELS!
WHILE, AT THE PLANET, LOIS LOOKS AT THE SCRAP OF PAPER LEXO HAD DROPPED.
THIS NEWSPAPER PICTURE OF ME, WITH MY AUTOGRAPH ON IT...! THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE EXPLANATION: LEXO, WHOM I ADMIRE... AND THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR... ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON!!
WOW! WHAT A KICK-IN-THE-HEAD! HOW WILL LOIS USE HER DISCOVERY? THIS TRULY MEMORABLE IMAGINARY TALE SWINGS EVEN WILDER IN PART II... SO TURN TO IT AND READ ON!

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I'M GOING TO ADD HOLLOW PIPES TO MY RACING MODEL!
HOW DO YOU DO THAT?
SIMPLE! I HAVE SOME OLD PLASTIC BALL-POINT PEN REFILLS!
THEY CUT EASILY, AND CAN BE BENT ANY WAY.
THERE! I CEMENTED THEM ON. NOW, TO MAKE IT REAL COOL, I'LL PAINT THEM SILVER!
WOW!

CUT OUT FOR YOUR **SCRAPBOOK**

DIRECT CURRENTS

By Popular Demand—the feature you've asked for—a column devoted to previews of coming attractions in the DC line of Dynamic Creations! *Look for DIRECT CURRENTS in each issue of DC's mighty mags!*

DETECTIVE introduces "The Monarch of Menace!"—the royal rogue whose reign of terror even conquered BATMAN! EXTRA! The ELONGATED MAN solves one of his greatest cases—the mystery of "GREEN LANTERN'S BLACKOUT!" **They're both in the April issue, No. 350, on sale Feb. 24.**

Long ago, the most desperate criminals on the planet KRYPTON were exiled in the PHANTOM ZONE! Now read what happens when one superprisoner's sentence is up, and SUPERMAN has to release him! All this and SUPERGIRL, too, in the **April issue of ACTION, No. 336,** on sale Feb. 24.

Hunted by superior forces, **TOMAHAWK** and his rangers take refuge in a castle brought from England, only to find themselves facing "The Fearful Freak of Dunham's Dungeon," in the **May-June issue, No. 104,** on sale March 1.

If you're looking for a good fight, don't miss "The Battle of the Rival Aquamen!" The "rival" is a DUPLICATE SEA KING, aided by a DUPLICATE AQUALAD and even a DUPLICATE MERA! It's in the **May-June AQUAMAN, No. 27,** on sale March 1.

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Introducing DEATH-MAN—the macabre menace who prepares a grave-ful of trouble for BATMAN and ROBIN in "Death Knocks Three Times"—a shattering novel of sinister suspense! In the **May BATMAN, No. 180,** on sale March 3.

How can **THE FLASH** hope to defeat THE MIRROR MASTER when his foe can FORESEE everything the SCARLET SPEEDSTER will do? That's the situation in "The Mirror with 20-20 Vision," in the **May FLASH, No. 161,** on sale March 3.

BEAST-BOY is still trying to join **THE DOOM PATROL**—ROBOTMAN, ELASTI-GIRL, and NEGATIVE MAN. But the whole team strikes out against that fiercely flaming holocaust, "The Meteor Man!" **In the May issue, No. 103,** on sale March 3.

The BLACKHAWKS battle "The Revolt of the Assembled Man," a robot who's able to take himself apart, piece by piece, and put each piece to work by itself—resulting in a monster mish-mash in the **May BLACKHAWK, No. 220,** on sale March 8.

TRICKSY
WORLD'S GREATEST STUNT MAN
LIGHT THE SCENE WITH SCOOTER
HENRY BOLTINOFF
TRICKSY IS DRIVING THROUGH THE FIRE!
AGAIN!
NOW HE'S TURNING AROUND AND GOING RIGHT BACK INTO THE FIRE -- AGAIN!
TRICKSY, WHY DID YOU KEEP GOING BACK AND FORTH THROUGH THE FIRE?
I PROMISED MY SON A RIDE - AND HE LIKES TO TOAST MARSHMALLOWS!

What's Your B.Q.*?

(*BROTHERHOOD QUOTIENT.)

ON BROTHERHOOD WEEK (FEB. 20-26)
"AN UNSTINTING DEDICATION TO FREEDOM, TOLERANCE, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY GAVE US OUR MIGHTY NATION. UNITED AND DETERMINED, WE MUST STAND READY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY."
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

A. CHECK ONE COLUMN FOR EACH ITEM LISTED TO TEST YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES.

	UGH! DISLIKE	UM! LIKE	SO-SO! LUKEWARM	NO THOUGHT! VACANT
Alligators				
Baptists				
Cabbage				
Catholics				
Detective Stories				
Foreigners				
Indians				
Jews				
Long-hair music				
Negroes				
Spiders				

B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"

YES.....

NO.....

C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?

YES..... NO.....

D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?

YES.....

NO.....

HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST A? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS--NO ONE CARES. BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE--YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF.

IF YOU SCORED 3 **YES** ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS **B**, **C** AND **D** -- YOU'RE OKAY! IF YOU DIDN'T -- YOU'D BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT.

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PART II

The Courtship of LOIS and LEXO!

NEXT MORNING, AT THE **PLANET**...

THE EXPOSÉ I COULD WRITE ABOUT **LEXO**... WHO IS SECRETLY **LUTHOR**... MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF MY JOURNALISTIC CAREER! BUT... I CAN'T DO IT...

LOIS LANE

HE'S LIKE SOME MAGNIFICENT, UNTAMED CREATURE OF THE FOREST! HE ISN'T ALL BAD,.. AND THERE'S MUCH ABOUT HIM THAT'S EXTRA-ORDINARILY FINE! I CAN'T FIND IT IN MY HEART TO DESTROY HIM! SOMEHOW, I... I'LL **REFORM** HIM...!

BUT UNEXPECTEDLY... I'VE BEEN DOING SOME DIGGING AROUND, AND THE RESULTS ARE STARTLING! YOU'LL OBSERVE FROM THIS CHART I'VE PREPARED, THAT EACH DAY AFTER A BIG CRIME WAS PULLED BY **LEXO**, SOME WORTHY CAUSE RECEIVED A HUGE, ANONYMOUS DONATION!

DATE OF LEXO'S CRIME	THE CRIME	NAME OF CHARITY	DATE OF ANONYMOUS GIFT
APRIL 18	BANK THEFT	HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE	APRIL 19
JULY 10	LOOTED MANSION	UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH CENTER	JULY 11
OCT. 17	HIJACKING	MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	OCT. 18
DEC. 1	17 MINK COATS STOLEN	POLITICAL IMPROVEMENT AUXILIARY	DEC. 2
MARCH 21	FACTORY PAYROLL THEFT	ACTORS' RETIREMENT FUND	MARCH 22
APRIL 1	MONEY-VAN ROBBERY	METROPOLIS ORPHANAGE	APRIL 2

OBVIOUSLY, **LEXO** IS A MODERN **ROBIN HOOD** WHO DONATES HIS LOOT SECRETLY TO WORTHY CAUSES! WELL... IT'S BEEN PUBLICIZED THAT **GREYTHORNE HOSPITAL** IS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY -- AND THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE COIN COLLECTION IS ARRIVING ON THE **S.S. PHOENIX** TOMORROW...

LEXO WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST STEALING THE COINS, SELLING THEM TO AN UNDERWORLD FENCE, AND SENDING THE PROCEEDS TO THE HOSPITAL! I'LL TIP OFF **SUPERMAN**, AND HE CAN NAB THAT SLIPPERY THIEF!

CLEVER, CLARK! **LEXO** WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!

HE WILL IF **I WARN HIM!**

BUT LOIS' ATTEMPT TO ALERT LUTHOR, VIA AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL, FAILS...
NO ANSWER! AND I'VE A HUNCH I WON'T GET THROUGH TO HIM IN TIME THIS WAY! WAIT! I KNOW ANOTHER WAY TO HELP HIM...!

SOON, IN A COSTUME STORE...
THIS LEXO MASQUERADE COSTUME IS ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR ITEMS! THAT DARING CROOK HAS CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF THE PUBLIC!
I'LL BUY IT!

NEXT MORNING, AS THE STEAMER DOCKS, LOIS DONS THE COSTUME IN A PLACE OF CONCEALMENT...
I'LL LURE SUPERMAN AWAY ON A WILD-GOOSE-CHASE, IN THIS DISGUISE,..SO HE WON'T CATCH THE REAL LEXO!

THERE HE COMES, NOW! AND HERE I GO!
IT'S LEXO!!

I'LL GO THROUGH THIS WINDOW! I LEFT A LEAD BARREL INSIDE, WHICH I CAN USE AS A HIDING PLACE! SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE LEAD!... OOOOLP!
KRAAK

LEXO'S GETTING CLUMSY. HE KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO CATCH HIM SO EASILY! JAILING HIM WILL RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN ME! HIS ROBBING THAT MONEY-VAN I WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT WAS QUITE A BLOW TO MY PRESTIGE...

SUDDENLY...
NEWS FLASH! A VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN THE PACIFIC MAY ENGULF THE POPULACE OF PAGOR-PAGOR AT ANY MOMENT!
SAVING THOUSANDS OF LIVES COMES FIRST! I'LL RETURN LATER FOR LEXO. HE'LL BE OUT FOR A WHILE!
BUT SHORTLY AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL DEPARTS, THE ROGUE'S HIRELINGS RACE UP..
SUPERMAN WAS GONNA FLY IN THERE, BUT SOME EMERGENCY MUST'VE CALLED HIM AWAY!
IT'S THE BOSS... UNCONSCIOUS!! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW! LET'S GET HIM OUT OF HERE, FAST!
AND THE HENCHMEN, MISTAKING LOIS FOR THEIR LEADER, CARRY THE DISGUISED FORM TO THEIR GROTTO-LAIR...
WE'LL LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A WHILE! HE'LL BE OKAY WHEN HE COMES TO! HE'S THE TOUGHEST GUY I'VE EVER KNOWN!
MEANWHILE, AT THE WATERFRONT, WHERE THE REAL LEXO HAS ARRIVED ON HIS LARCENOUS MISSION...
STOP HIM! HE STOLE THE PRICELESS COIN COLLECTION!
BANG
BANG
SAVE YOUR AMMUNITION, YOU BUMBLERS! YOU COULDN'T HIT A BARN DOOR WITH A CANNON AT TWO PACES!
WHEN LOIS RETURNS TO CONSCIOUSNESS...
THIS...GROTTO! THE STATUES OF FAMED BANDITS OF YESTERYEAR--THOSE MECHANISMS ...! I'M IN THE SANCTUM OF... LEXO! I DON'T KNOW H-HOW I GOT HERE... BUT IT'S TERRIBLY FASCINATING!
CURIOUSLY, BUT INCAUTIOUSLY, LOIS IS EXAMINING THE STRANGE DEVICES, WHEN...
I WONDER WHAT THIS IS?... OOOPS! MY CASUAL TOUCH ACTIVATED SOME MECHANISM! RAYS FROM ITS EYES ARE ENVELOPING ME! BUT THEY'RE HARMLESS!
WRONG, LOIS! THOSE AMAZING RAYS HAVE CHANGED YOUR CHARACTER! THIS STRANGE INVENTION OF LEXO'S WILL WARP YOUR MIND AND THRUST YOU INTO ONE OF THE MOST BIZARRE, YET TRAGIC, DESTINIES THAT EVER BEFELL A MORTAL WOMAN!

MOMENTS AFTERWARD, AT THE GROTTO ENTRANCE...
HUH? HOW CAN YOU BE HERE, WH-WHEN YOU'RE IN THERE?!
WHAT ARE YOU GIBBERING ABOUT? HOLD THIS, WHILE I INVESTIGATE!
AN IMPOSTOR!
MUCH MORE THAN THAT! AN ADMIRER...!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, BUT-- FIRST I'LL REMOVE YOUR MASK! THEN I'LL ASK SOME QUESTIONS!
PERHAPS YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWERS IN... MY EYES!
YOU'RE... LOIS LANE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHY ARE YOU DISGUISED AS ME??
I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY, INCLUDING HOW I HAPPEN TO KNOW YOU'RE SECRETLY... LUTHOR!
AFTER LOIS EXPLAINS...
YOU DID ALL THIS FOR ME? BUT I THOUGHT YOU LOVED SUPERMAN!
LOOK DEEP INTO MY EYES...AND YOU'LL KNOW WHOM I REALLY LOVE...
BY HEAVENS! I'VE STOLEN A THOUSAND TREASURES, BUT THEY'RE ALL AS MERE DUST COMPARED TO THE GLORY AND WONDER OF YOU! I SEE LOVE IN YOUR EYES! IS IT TRULY FOR ME?
FOR YOU...AND ONLY YOU... FOREVERMORE, DEAR LEXO!
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LOIS, DEAR, I AM AN IMPATIENT LOVER. I COULD NEVER SURVIVE A LONG COURTSHIP! MARRY ME AT ONCE, LOIS!
I'LL SAY "YES", BUT ON ONE CONDITION...
WAIT! HERE, BEFORE THOSE GAWKING APES IS NO PLACE FOR THIS MOST ROMANTIC OF ALL SUBJECTS! THERE MUST BE SOFT LIGHTS... A SYMPHONY OF VIOLINS...
THE STARS WILL BLAZE AS NEVER BEFORE... AND WE WILL SPEAK FROM OUR HEARTS WHAT MUST BE SAID...
I KNOW THE CONDITION YOU WILL IMPOSE... YOU WILL MARRY ME ONLY IF I REFORM! CORRECT?
WRONG, DARLING!
MAD ABOUT THE CAD!
DARKNESS HAS EMBRACED THE CITY, A LITTLE LATER, AS LUTHOR AND LOIS TENDERLY TOUCH HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE OF A FINE PENTHOUSE RESTAURANT...
BEHIND MY BRILLIANT TRIUMPHS IS A MOCKING EMPTINESS, A NEED ONLY YOU CAN FULFILL! BUT I KNOW YOU WILL NEVER WANT A MAN LIKE ME!
I WILL MARRY YOU ONLY IF YOU KICK THIS STUPID COMPULSION TO BE A PRESENT-DAY ROBIN HOOD INTO THE TRASH-CAN! IT'S THE ONLY FLAW THAT MARS YOUR CAREER AS A TITAN OF CRIME--AND I HATE IT!
YOU... DON'T... WANT... ME... TO... REFORM??
AT LAST I'VE FOUND A WOMAN WHO IS DIFFERENT!
I'LL AGREE TO ANYTHING TO WIN YOU! BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU RESPECTED THE LAW... LIKE SUPERMAN!
I DID... UNTIL I MET YOU! TO OUR COMING MARRIAGE! AND TO BIGGER AND BETTER CRIMES!
CLINK
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NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET...
ABOUT THIS NEW LEXO STORY YOU'VE WRITTEN! AGAIN YOU'RE GLORIFYING THAT THIEF AND DOWNGRADING SUPERMAN! "ROBIN HOOD OF CRIME PULLS HOOD OVER SUPERMAN'S EYES!" ...REWRITE IT, PROPERLY!
I WROTE IT AS I SAW IT! I WON'T CHANGE A COMMA!
YOU'LL DO AS I SAY, OR YOU'RE FIRED!
SO I'M FIRED! BUT AT LEAST MY MIND AND MY SOUL ARE MY OWN! GOODBYE, MR. GREAT DICTATOR! REMIND ME TO PICKET YOUR NEXT TESTIMONIAL DINNER!
I OVERHEARD WHAT HAPPENED, LOIS! I'M SORRY YOU LOST YOUR JOB!
SUPER-SNOOPING AGAIN, EH? WHO ASKED YOU TO APPOINT YOURSELF EVERYBODY'S BIG BROTHER? MERE MORTALS LIKE ME PREFER TO WORK OUT OUR OWN DESTINIES...
I'VE DONE A LOT OF SOUL-SEARCHING, LOIS! I REALIZE AT LAST THAT I WANT YOU FOR MY WIFE MORE THAN I WANT ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION!
HMMPH! NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO FALL INTO YOUR ARMS, EH?
WHO WANTS YOU? WHO NEEDS YOU? NOT ME! I'M ABOUT TO MARRY THE ONE MAN ON EARTH WHO IS SO TOWERINGLY OVERWHELMING IN EVERY WAY THAT COMPARED TO HIM, YOU'RE NOTHING! HE'S A MAN WITH FIRE...SPIRIT...AND, YES, FAULTS! BUT I LOVE HIM!
WHO IS HE?
SLAMM
I'VE LOST HER... FOREVER...
THE MAN I'M GOING TO MARRY IS... THE INCOMPARABLE LUTHOR!

A FEW WEEKS AFTERWARD, AT THE WEDDING OF LOIS AND LUTHOR...
PERRY FEELS BADLY BECAUSE LOIS DIDN'T INVITE HIM. AFTER ALL, THEY WERE FRIENDS FOR YEARS!
PERRY FEELS BADLY? WHAT ABOUT ME? I'M LOSING THE GIRL I NOW REALIZE... TOO LATE... I'LL ALWAYS LOVE...
NOW YOU BELONG TO ME...
FOREVER AND EVER...
YOU ADORABLE MINX!
IF YOU EVEN LOOK AT ANOTHER GIRL, I'LL SCRATCH HER EYES OUT...!
SHORTLY, AT THE WEDDING RECEPTION...
THE MAYOR...THE GOVERNOR... SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S LEADING CITIZENS ARE HERE! HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SUPERMAN?
INTO ACTION! I JUST CHECKED WITH MY SUPER-VISION, AND I SPOTTED SOME OF LEXO'S HENCHMEN WHO'VE JUST PULLED A JOB!
I WAS GLAD TO GET AWAY! IT WAS AN ORDEAL FOR ME!?? AGAIN THE LEXO GANG HAS VANISHED, APPARENTLY INTO THIN AIR!
JEWELRY
POLICE
BUT UNDERNEATH THE PAVEMENT OF THE ROARING CITY...
GREAT HAUL, EH?
IT'LL MAKE A SWELL GIFT FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM!
HA, HA! LEXO'S LAIR IS JAMMED WITH MASTER CROOKS WHO'VE COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO CELEBRATE HIS WEDDING! EVERY DECORATION, EVERY SCRAP OF FOOD, WAS HEISTED FOR THIS GREATEST UNDERWORLD SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON...

I CAME TWO THOUSAND MILES FOR THIS! WHERE'S LEXO? HE'S HAVIN' TOO GOOD A TIME WITH HIS HIGH-TONED, SNOOTY FRIENDS TO HURRY HERE, HUH?
COOL IT, CHUM!
HE AND HIS BRIDE'LL DUCK AWAY FROM THAT BORING UPTOWN SHINDIG AS SOON... HEY, HERE HE IS NOW!
HE'S SWITCHED TO HIS COSTUME!
HI, LEXO! WHERE YA HIDIN' TH' LITTLE WOMAN? OR DID SHE GET SMART AND DUMP YA ALREADY? HA, HA!
THANK YOU FOR COMING, GENTS! SORRY MY BRIDE'S A LITTLE LATE... YOU KNOW HOW WOMEN ARE... BUT I PROMISE SHE'LL BE HERE ANY MOMENT!
AH,.. HERE SHE IS NOW... PRESENTING ...MY GORGEOUS BRIDE -- LOLA!
FROM NOW ON, IT'LL BE THE CRIME-TEAM OF LEXO AND LOLA!
LOVE THIS WILD COSTUME! IT BEATS THE "SQUARE" DRESSES I WEAR IN MY LOIS LUTHOR IDENTITY!
UNLIKE THE RESTRAINED, SEDATE, UPTOWN WEDDING RECEPTION, THE SEWER AFFAIR IS A REAL SWINGIN' BASH...
HOORAY FOR LEXO AND LOLA!
A TOAST TO THE GROOM AND HIS MOLL!
PLAY THAT MUSIC LOUDER! YA-HA-HA!
WHAT DIRTY RAT STOLE MY GAT?
WATTA BRAWL! BEAUTIFUL, AIN'T IT?
THE HENCHMEN
OUR IMAGINARY TALE, WHICH MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, BUT DIDN'T, ROARS TO A STUNNING CLIMAX IN OUR UNFORGETTABLE NEXT ISH!

WHAT D'YA MEAN, YOU BUILT IT? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
NO SIR! I BUILT IT FROM A REGULAR TYCO KIT.
BOY··· YOU MUST BE SOME KIND OF GENIUS.
FOR YOU, I'LL COME CLEAN. WITH A TYCO KIT IT'S EASY!
YOU MEAN EASY ENOUGH FOR ME TO BUILD ONE TOO?
YEP··· EVEN YOU. HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU.
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I CAN BELIEVE IT··· AND LOOK AT THE VARIETY.
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YES, LOIS LANE HAS DONE IT AGAIN! ONCE MORE, THE **PLANET'S** ADVENTUROUS GIRL REPORTER HAS STUCK HER LOVELY NECK TOO FAR OUT! AND THIS TIME SHE'S IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE MOST MACABRE WEIRDOS THIS SIDE OF SATAN'S DOMAIN! SEE WHAT HAPPENS AFTER LOIS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE **MAN OF STEEL** FROM A DEADLY PLOT, BECOMES...

The PRISONER of S.K.U.L.!

THE UNMASKED SPY IN OUR MIDST IS... LOIS LANE! DEATH TO THIS SNOOPING FRIEND OF SUPERMAN!
YIPES! I'M EXPOSED... I'M NOT GLOWING LIKE A SKELETON, THE WAY THE OTHERS ARE!... THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR SEEING TOO MANY SECRET AGENT MOVIES! INSTEAD OF SMASHING THE S.K.U.L. GANG, I'M THE ONE WHO'S G-GOING TO GET CLOBBERED!!!
KC

AT THE **DAILY PLANET** OFFICE, LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG LISTEN IN AMAZEMENT TO LOIS' EDITOR, VAN BENSON, WHO HAS REPLACED EDITOR PERRY WHITE...

IT'S BEEN VERY HUSH-HUSH UNTIL NOW, GALS, BUT THE TRUTH IS I'M DOING UNDERCOVER WORK FOR BOTH SUPERMAN AND THE F.B.I...! PERRY WHITE ARRANGED IT SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS APPOINTED SENATOR!

IT'S URGENT WE LEARN THE NATURE OF THE MYSTERIOUS WEAPON X THAT THE MALIGNANT ANTI-SUPERMAN COMBINE KNOWN AS S.K.U.L. PLANS TO CRUSH SUPERMAN WITH...

THE INITIALS S.K.U.L. STAND FOR SUPER-MAN KILLERS' UNDERGROUND LEAGUE! I'VE WORMED MYSELF IN AS ONE OF ITS LEADERS! BUT EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHO IS THE MASTER BRAIN BEHIND S.K.U.L.!
WHY ISN'T SUPERMAN HIMSELF HANDLING THIS?
BECAUSE BOTH SUPERMAN AND THE F.B.I. ARE USING THE S.K.U.L. THREAT AS A PILOT-PROJECT FOR DEVELOPING TECHNIQUES WHEREBY F.B.I. MEN WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ON WITHOUT SUPERMAN'S AID, IN THE EVENT SUPERMAN IS EVER DESTROYED!
IT'S A DANGEROUS GAME YOU'RE PLAYING, VAN! AREN'T YOU AFRAID THOSE MERCILESS KILLERS MIGHT...
WITH MY MASTERFUL SKILL OF DISGUISE TO FALL BACK ON, I'VE NOTHING TO FEAR! HERE... LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN...
A FEW DEFT TOUCHES OF HIS HANDS ON HIS FEATURES, AND...
BEHOLD--!
DEAN MARTIN!
THEN, WITH THE AID OF THE MAKE-UP BOX AND HIS STARTLING SKILL...
AFTER THEY STOP GIVING ME PARTS WITH STARS LIKE DORIS DAY AND AUDREY HEPBURN, I'LL ASK THEM TO TEAM ME UP WITH YOU, LOIS! YOU CAN ALWAYS SAY YOU WERE CARY GRANT'S LEADING LADY!
YES, "THE GREAT SOCIETY" WILL BE KNOWN FOR ITS GREAT HEART!
PLAYIN' "BEN CARTWRIGHT" ON BONANZA HAS BEEN A REAL BONANZA... FOR ME!

WONDERFUL! COULD YOU MAKE ME UP TO LOOK LIKE A CELEBRITY, TOO?
IT WOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY! WATCH THIS!

SECONDS AFTERWARD...
OH, MY GOODNESS! YOU'VE MADE HER LOOK EXACTLY LIKE ELIZABETH TAYLOR!
I THOUGHT SHE'D PREFER THAT TO BEING MADE TO LOOK LIKE RICHARD BURTON!

THEN, AS VAN BENSON DEMONSTRATES HIS VERSATILITY ONCE MORE...
HA, HA! LOIS RESEMBLES THE WITCH QUEEN IN SNOW WHITE!
COULDN'T YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A GORGEOUS FACE LIKE THE ONE YOU GAVE LANA?-- YICCH!

AS THE DISGUISE DEMONSTRATION ENDS...
I'LL ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER S.K.U.L. MEETING RIGHT AWAY! YOU COME, TOO... BUT WEAR JIMMY'S SIGNAL-WATCH SO YOU CAN SIGNAL SUPERMAN IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG! SUPERMAN INSISTED YOU BORROW IT!
THANKS! NOW IF MR. DREAMBOAT WOULD GIVE ME AN ENGAGEMENT RING...!

SHORTLY, AT A PROMPTLY CONVENED MEETING OF S.K.U.L...
VAN GOT THIS ROBE AND HOOD FOR ME! IT LOOKS BETTER THAN SOME OF THE WHACKY LATEST FASHIONS FROM PARIS, AT THAT! AH... THEY'RE ABOUT TO DOUSE THE LIGHTS! NO WONDER THE PLACE IS CREEPY... IT'S CRAWLING WITH HOODED CREEPS!

THEN, AS A WEIRD, FLUORESCENT EFFECT CAUSES THE SKELETONS OF THE HOODED FORMS TO BE SEEN...
DEATH TO SUPERMAN AND HIS FRIENDS!
WAIT, LEADER! THE SKELETON OF ONE OF US IS NOT VISIBLE! IT MUST BE AN OUTSIDER WHO HAS INFILTRATED HERE!
YIPES! THEY'RE ALL STARING AT ME!
KC
CHOKE!--I GUESS JIMMY'S WATCH IS MALFUNCTIONING AND ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE FROM IT MUST HAVE CAUSED THEIR X-RAY GIMMICK NOT TO WORK ON ME!--
ULPS!! I'M... UNMASKED!
I RECOGNIZE HER! IT'S LOIS LANE!
KC
SHE'S ONE OF SUPERMAN'S FRIENDS WHOM WE'VE SWORN TO DESTROY!
LET'S KILL HER NOW!
SUPERMAN ALWAYS SAID I MIGHT GO TOO FAR SOMEDAY WHILE SNOOPING FOR SCOOPS! HE W-WAS RIGHT! THIS IS IT!! THE MALFUNCTIONING WATCH PROBABLY CAN'T SIGNAL FOR HIS HELP!
KC
NO! I ORDER YOU NOT TO HARM THE GIRL!
YOU DARE TO DEFEND HER? THEN YOU ARE A TRAITOR! ADMIT IT!
POOR VAN... HE'LL GET INTO TROUBLE FOR TRYING TO HELP ME!
FOOLS! WHAT YOU FAILED TO GUESS IS THAT THIS FAITHFUL FOLLOWER RESEMBLES LOIS LANE BECAUSED I USED MY SECRETS OF DISGUISE TO TRANSFORM HER INTO AN EXACT DOUBLE OF THE REAL LOIS. CAN YOU GUESS WHY, IMBECILES?
I HAVE IT!
THUS DISGUISED, AGENT 12 WILL BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO SUPERMAN AT THE METROPOLIS WOMEN'S CHARITY LEAGUE SATURDAY, WHERE HE AND OTHERS ARE TO ENTERTAIN! SINCE HE TRUSTS THE LANE GIRL, AND WILL BE OFF GUARD, IT WILL BE SIMPLE FOR HER TO DESTROY HIM WITH WEAPON X!! HOW CLEVER!

HA, HA, HA! SUPERMAN DESTROYED BY "LOIS LANE"! BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL!
WHEW!! IF IT WASN'T FOR VAN'S QUICK THINKING, I'D HAVE BECOME A REAL SKELETON BEFORE MY NATURAL TIME!
EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, AT THE PLANET...
FOLLOW THE CODED INSTRUCTIONS TO PICK UP WEAPON X AT THE CORNER OF PARK ROAD AND 10TH STREET AT NOON TODAY! THEN USE IT ON SUPERMAN! I'VE GOT EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, VAN!
HE'S SMART AND GOOD-LOOKING! MY KINDA GUY!
PROMPTLY AT NOON...
THAT CAN ONLY BE WEAPON X! IT FEELS SMALL ENOUGH TO HIDE IN MY PURSE!
SHORTLY...
TAMARA IS JUST FINISHING HER ACT AS THE LADY OF THE LASH... AH! HERE COMES SUPERMAN! AS THEY USED TO SAY IN THE OLD-TIME MELODRAMAS, "THE PLOT THICKENS!"... SOON, I'LL GO INTO MY PHONEY "VILLAINESS" ACT!
AND NOW, LADIES, AS PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM, I WILL...
NOPE! I WILL DO THE DOING!
UNGRAMMATICAL? SO FLUNK ME!
BECAUSE YOU HAVE SPURNED MY LOVE THESE MANY YEARS, SUPERMAN, I AVENGE MYSELF WITH... WEAPON X!
NO, LOIS! DON'T... OHHHHHH!
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THEN, AS THE SMOKE FROM LOIS' WEAPON CLEARS AWAY...
?!--TWO SUPERMEN!!
HA, HA! BY BEING SPLIT INTO TWO BY WEAPON X, SUPERMAN'S POWERS HAVE BEEN SO LESSENED THAT THIS GAS CAN RENDER HIM UNCONSCIOUS!
A QUICK DEATH WOULD BE TOO PLEASANT FOR THESE FOES OF S.K.U.L.! I'VE A MORE INTERESTING FINISH IN STORE FOR THEM AT DOOMSDAY HEADQUARTERS! TAKE THEM AWAY, GIRLS!
DON'T ANYONE MOVE!
}CHOKE!}--THEY'RE SPIRITING SUPERMAN AWAY TO AN AWFUL DOOM! IT'S ALL MY FAULT FOR BELIEVING THAT SLICK VAN BENSON! HE TRICKED ME! HE ONLY PRETENDED TO ME THAT HE WAS A FRIEND OF SUPERMAN.., SO HE COULD DESTROY HIM!
AND NOW, FAREWELL! I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE FINAL PERFORMANCE OF THE LADY OF THE LASH! I ENJOYED HAVING THE WHIP-HAND! HA, HA!
VAN BENSON IS ENTERING, PROBABLY TO HELP TAMARA GET AWAY! OH, HOW I HATE HIM... THE RAT... }SOB{...
YOU ROTTEN DOUBLE-CROSSER! YOU LIED, VAN, WHEN YOU TOLD ME NO HARM WOULD COME TO SUPERMAN IF I DID AS YOU INSTRUCTED...!
YOU DESERVE A KISS FOR SO CLEVERLY FOOLING LOIS, DARLING! I CAN NOW REVEAL I AM THE SECRET LEADER OF S.K.U.L.!
NO, THANKS! I'D RATHER KISS A RATTLESNAKE, ANY TIME! AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M REALLY SUPERMAN, DISGUISED AS VAN BENSON! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
IMPOSSIBLE! IN YOUR WEAKENED STATE, YOU COULDN'T HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE S.K.U.L. AGENTS...!
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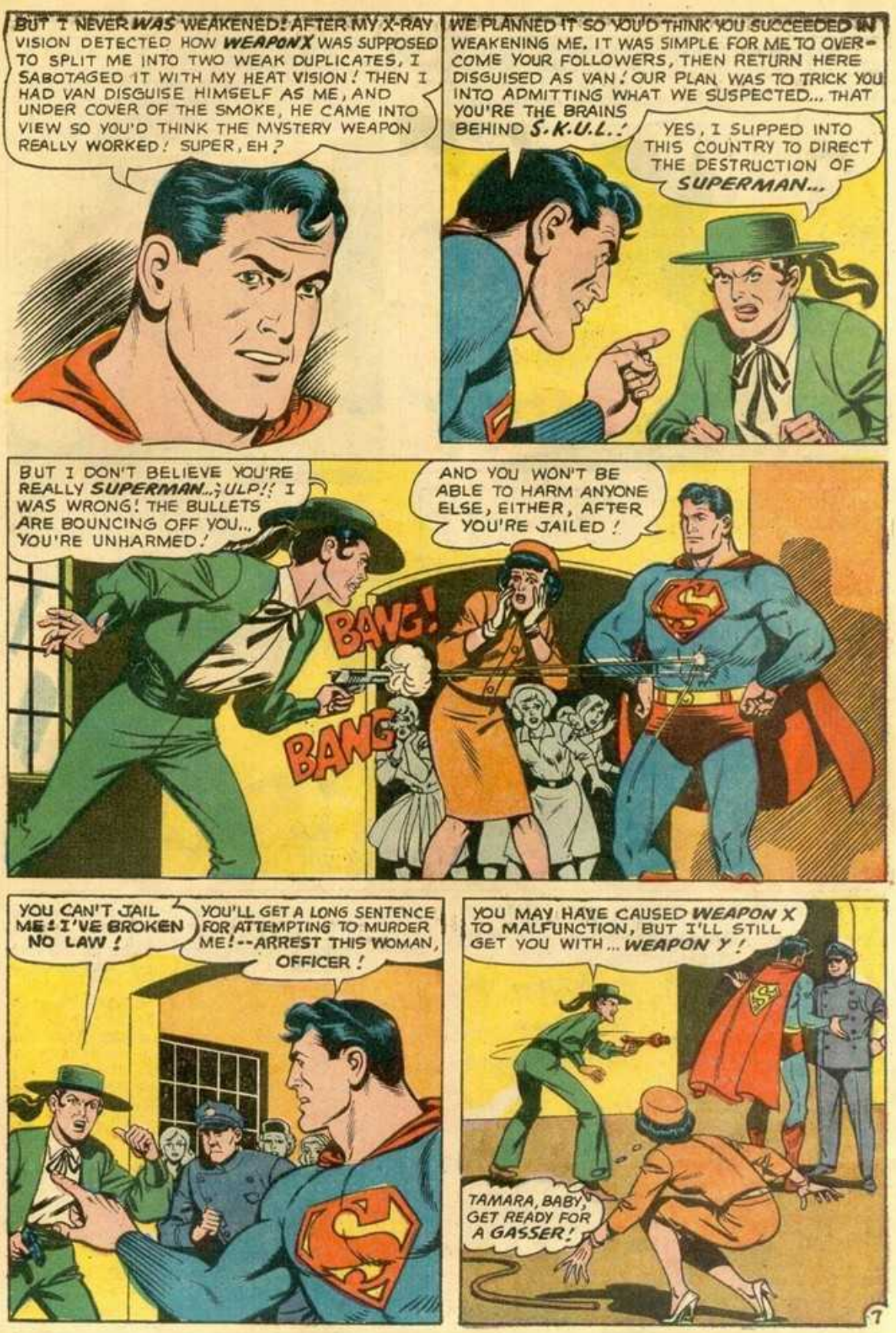
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WE PLANNED IT SO YOU'D THINK YOU SUCCEEDED IN WEAKENING ME. IT WAS SIMPLE FOR ME TO OVERCOME YOUR FOLLOWERS, THEN RETURN HERE DISGUISED AS VAN! OUR PLAN WAS TO TRICK YOU INTO ADMITTING WHAT WE SUSPECTED... THAT YOU'RE THE BRAINS BEHIND S.K.U.L.!
YES, I SLIPPED INTO THIS COUNTRY TO DIRECT THE DESTRUCTION OF SUPERMAN...
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'RE REALLY SUPERMAN...; ULP!! I WAS WRONG! THE BULLETS ARE BOUNCING OFF YOU... YOU'RE UNHARMED!
AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HARM ANYONE ELSE, EITHER, AFTER YOU'RE JAILED!
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BANG
YOU CAN'T JAIL ME! I'VE BROKEN NO LAW!
YOU'LL GET A LONG SENTENCE FOR ATTEMPTING TO MURDER ME!--ARREST THIS WOMAN, OFFICER!
YOU MAY HAVE CAUSED WEAPON X TO MALFUNCTION, BUT I'LL STILL GET YOU WITH... WEAPON Y!
TAMARA, BABY, GET READY FOR A GASSER!
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LATER, AT THE PLANET...
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO, VAN?
YES, LOIS! IT'S BEEN A BALL BEING EDITOR OF THE PLANET, BUT THE F.B.I. HAS A NEW UNDERCOVER JOB FOR ME, AND... SENATOR WHITE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

THE F.B.I. DIRECTOR TIPPED ME OFF THAT THE PLANET WAS LOSING ITS EDITOR! SO, SINCE CONGRESS HAS JUST RECESSED, I'M TAKING OVER MY OLD JOB TILL I CAN FIND A REPLACEMENT!
HELLO--AND GOODBYE, SENATOR!
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GOODBYE, LOIS! I'LL MISS YOU MOST OF ALL!
I HOPE HE'LL RETURN HERE SOME DAY! MEANWHILE, I'LL TRY HARD NOT TO GET TOO FED-UP WITH WISHY-WASHY, MEEK, MILD CLARK KENT!
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LETTERS TO LOIS AND LANA

Dear Editor: Magnificent! LOIS LANE No. 62 was terrific! Finally, we get some *action* around the old Planet! No dream! No hoax! No hallucination! And Perry White as Senator! Not to mention that dreamy-looking Van Benson! I'll be waiting for future developments with bated breath! Incidentally, this makes three issues in a row in which Lois hasn't tried to ferret out Superman's secret identity. I must say it's a welcome change and the stories are better with Lois less of a snoop. —Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(Maybe—but if Lois stops being a snoop completely, down will go her batting average for bringing in those precious scoops to the Planet! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In your Hydro-Girl story, you show Lois Lane shattering a batch of thermometers with the sound of a violin. Now, according to science, no liquid can leave a two-ended tube as long as one end remains plugged. Yet you show only the bottom ends of the thermometers broken when the mercury inside showers down on Lois. All right, sly one, it's time for your explanation. Get your brain cells working and sic 'em! —Richard Fahmie, L.V.T., Calif.

(Lois' violin music simply charmed the mercury out of the thermometers. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "The Reptile Girl of Metropolis," you have Lois giving sleeping pills to a patient from a bottle right in his room and then carrying them out of the hospital with her. I really must object. In the first place, volunteers are not allowed to give medication and it is never given from a bottle in the room. All medication is ready and dispensed from the nurses' station by a Registered Nurse. And at each shift change, all sleeping compounds and such have to be accounted for, so Lois couldn't have carried any out of the hospital. —Linda Jacoway, Des Moines, Iowa.

(We must have been watching too many Dr. Kildare stories. Do you have a prescription for avoiding these goofs in the future? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In "Mr. Mxyzptlk's Election Magic," the Infernal Imp tells Lois he's always admired her. I thought it was her sister Lucy he flipped for. Could it be that Mr. Mxyzptlk is just plain fickle? —Janice Robbins, Sandusky, O.

(Could be. Once he tried to get Lois to marry him. Another time, he courted Supergirl. And when he appeared many years ago in the daily Superman comic strip, he was in love with the most beautiful girl in the world. We're afraid you must accept our pestiferous imp as a Romeo rogue. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: You've been boasting about how you gave Lana Lang a super-career as the Insect Queen in Superboy. But I'm willing to bet that we'll never see the adult Lana in this role. You're sure to think up some excuse to explain why she no longer has it, because you'd never dream of letting her show up Lois with her insect powers. —Howard Jeffries, Belleville, Ill.

(Lana *still* has her ring, which you can expect to see her using in this mag very soon, as well as in JIMMY OLSEN. And, in case you didn't notice, we've also added her name to this column, along with Lois'. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I'm afraid I must confess that I'm unable to understand Lois Lane. Usually she is sweet, honorable, loyal and true-blue; then she'll cook up some plot against Lana that brands her as a conniving rat. At times she is so sharp she can solve the most baffling crimes with the ease of a Sherlock Holmes; on other occasions, she displays an appalling gullibility and stupidity, not to mention a rashness which invariably leads her to the brink of disaster, as she blithely trips in where angels fear to tread. Can *you* help me to understand this complex female? —Randolph Young, East St. Louis, Ill.

(You're asking for the impossible. We fed all these factors about Lois into a computer machine for analysis—and the machine blew a fuse! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Hair, hair! I finally found what I've been waiting for. I caught you in a colossal boo-boo. In "Superman's Marriage Money," you show Lana Lang's hair yellow when it should be red. You can answer with a wisecrack! —Jerry Solomon, Philadelphia, Pa.

(With so many women dyeing their hair these days, why should Lana be any different? Obviously, she had bleached her hair in an effort to find out if Superman reacted to the popular saying that "Gentlemen prefer blondes." —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed your story of "Lois Lane's Romance with Jor-El." I was reminded of your Imaginary Story in which Lex Luthor tried to marry Lara. Why not have an Imaginary Novel in which Lois does marry Jor-El and Lex marries Lara—and end it there. Then let your readers guess which couple will have Superman as a son, till you reveal the answer in the following issue. Perhaps both couples would have sons and there would be TWO Supermen! —Jim Harris, West Covina, Calif.

(But have you considered that then, instead of two girls fighting over Superman, we might have *two* Supermen fighting over Lana! —Ed.)

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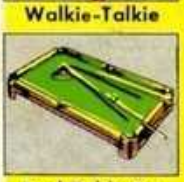
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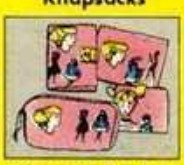
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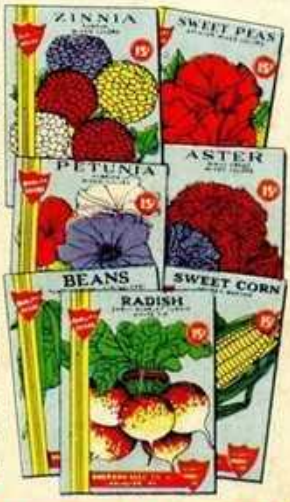

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